GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND IRAQ
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Civil Aviation agreement between India and Iraq has undergone some structural changes recently;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the time by which the said agreement would be implemented; and

(d):the mutual benefits expected to be achieved through the new agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. During the bilateral talks had between India and Iraq in October, 2010 at New Delhi, the Air Services Agreement was modified. While the Aritcle on designation of airlines was amended, new Articles on safety, security and cooperative marketing arrangements were incorporated.These amendments shall be provisionally applied with immediate effect.

(d) The Agreement is expected to increase connectivity between the two sides and has the potential to spur greater tourism and cultural exchanges.